

Henretta Moore Interview Excerpts D
Shawnee College Oral History Program

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Interviewee: Henretta Moore
Interviewer: Edward Whitaker
Subject: The 1937 Flood in Cairo; Camps for Flood Victims
in Wolf Lake
Date: November 6, 1975

W: How bad did it hurt Mound City? Did the people suffer?

M: I don't know; I don't think they did. They got the people
out before the levee broke and the water came in.

W: A lot of them drowned, didn't they?

M: I don't think so. They was watching that river and broadcasting
what the water level was. . . . I won't forget that flood the

rest of my life.

W: Did they work the men hard?

M: Not too hard, I don't think. . . .

W: Where did they move the people from the spillway?

M: Back further in Missouri. They broadcast to get out of the
spillway.

W: Did they have the National Guard here?

M: They had the Company K boys to see after things here.

When we left Cairo to go to Wickliffe, they stood there to
see that the people got on the bus. They said, "You were
born in Cairo, but you're not going to stay. You can come
back, but you're not going to stay!" One woman did stay here
and hide.

The water was over the housetops in Cache.

END OF INTERVIEW